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MOTHERS' MIGHT
AND HOW TO USE IT

BY

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How Mothers may Build the Body, Mind and Spirit of the Child through Prayer. The Same Principle and Method may be Applied by Anyone of Either Sex who Wishes to Minister to the Well Being of Another Regardless of Age or Sex or Distance.

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THE MOTHER

WHO DOES

AND TO ALL WHO MINISTER
TO THE WELL BEING OF HUMANS

THIS *Page reminds us*
That the mothering of the world
Is done
Not by mothers alone,
But by men and women
Who teach in schools
And preach in pulpits
And practice
Loving service anywhere.
This Divine Ministry of Prayer
Is for you,
Gentle Reader,
Wherever you are.

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MOTHERS' MIGHT

I

A MOTHER'S PRAYERS ARE ETCHED INTO THE ETERNAL LIFE-SCROLL OF HER LITTLE ONE

THIS little book, MOTHERS' MIGHT, tells in a simple way how mothers of to-day are using a Mighty Power. MOTHERS' MIGHT AND HOW TO USE IT, is a message to all mothers, hence the element of religious controversy is carefully avoided.

In 1866 an illiterate river thief by the name of Jerry McAuley was converted while serving a term in Sing Sing. Later he established Jerry McAuley's Water Street Mission.

Jerry McAuley's Mission was just one of those dingy little mission halls

such as one often passes in the poorer parts of New York. But read Reverend S. Irenæus Prince's account of what happened when the founder of this humble mission died:

"I was to conduct the funeral and went early to complete the arrangements. As I turned down from Fifth Avenue through Thirty-Fourth Street, I saw a vast multitude standing in the sunshine, filling the streets and the square in front of the tabernacle. Astonished at the spectacle, and wondering why they did not go in and take seats in the church, I soon found that the house was packed with people so that it was impossible for me to get within the door. Proclamation was made that the clergy who were to officiate were on the outside and a passage was made for them to enter in. What could be more impressive and expressive of the estimate set upon the man and his work? *There is no other Chris-*

tian worker in the City who would have called out these uncounted thousands in a last tribute of love and honor of his memory."

There are many instances of men being instantly healed of the disease of drunkenness in Jerry McAuley's Mission, and of beastly characters being entirely transformed. From the standpoint of material science there was absolutely no hope for many of these men. From the physiological point of view their bodies were hopelessly impaired, from the psychological point of view their mental capacity had deteriorated to the zero point and their will power had been long destroyed. Yet some of these men, men who had committed all sorts of crimes, who had lived in the lowest phases of drunken degradation for many years, were enabled through the present day outworkings of this Mighty Power to live exemplary lives, to become useful and honored citizens.

Read for yourself *Jerry McAuley, His Life and Work,* by A. S. Hatch, and also *Jerry McAuley's Water Street Mission,* by C. S. Hadley.

Mothers all, give me your undivided attention. Some of the worst characters among the men who were transformed in Jerry McAuley's Mission did not, from our limited human point of view, deserve to be transformed at all. Some of them went forward to the mercy seat, not for the prayers of the mission workers, as they pretended, but simply in hope of getting a meal or an old pair of shoes. Some of them freely admitted this afterwards. Mr. C. S. Hadley, author of *Jerry McAuley's Water Street Mission,* who was converted in the old Water Street Mission and an active worker there for many years, says that these men were converted because they had praying mothers.

Mr. Hadley says, in effect: "MANY

MEN COME IN HERE AND GO AWAY UNTOUCHED. IT IS VERY HARD TO CONVERT A MAN WHO DID NOT HAVE A PRAYING MOTHER."

This is a very significant statement because, underlying it, we discover an important principle, a silent, invisible, working principle of this Mighty Power. That is, PRAYER IS CUMULATIVE. EVERY REAL PRAYER IS RECORDED SOMEWHERE, EVEN THOUGH AT THE TIME OF ITS UTTERANCE THERE WAS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT IT HAD ANY EFFECT WHATEVER. Many things besides this statement of Mr. Hadley indicate this.

Mothers, isn't it wonderful, unbelievable almost, that the prayers of these men's mothers could not be erased; that all the evil, corroding powers of hell on earth could not destroy these prayers, so eternally were they etched in the invisible scroll of Life which records each answered petition to God?

Mother did everything she could think

of for that boy. He was so cute when he was little and she loved him so! All through the day her heart was made glad by her boy's glad play; she had such a time keeping him dry and warm and fairly clean and out of mischief and out of trouble, but this she did not mind at all. Yes, and she prayed for him too. Father would have thought it all nonsense, so she never said a word to him about it.

Mother didn't know how to pray very well; she had a secret fear of God; then, too, there were the doubts which would creep in. Often she would be so tired at night that she would not try to pray at all. In fact it was only when the boy was sick, or after she had heard a particularly inspiring sermon, that she prayed. Even when she did pray there was often this fear of God in her heart; but nevertheless, as best she could, she prayed.

When the boy began to go wrong

Mother fairly agonized in prayer. Her poor, torn heart was now filled with doubt and fear; yes, and there was her wounded pride, too. Sometimes when she tried to pray she would find herself getting angry at the boy. Still, because it was her instinct, and because she did so love her boy, she continued her anguished petitions.

There were, of course, the times when she felt her soul flooded with peace, when she could pray on and on looking in blind faith to God and pouring out her mother's loving, selfless heart for her boy. At such times she knew that her prayers were answered.

But still the boy kept going from bad to worse. He would do better for a while, but it didn't last long. Finally he married a splendid girl and spoiled her life too.

Father did all he could for the boy. Time after time he paid up all his debts; twice he started him in business. They

sent the boy to the Keeley Institute and to expensive sanitariums. But it seemed that the forces of evil always prevailed. They erased, apparently, all the good there was in the boy. He got so he would make solemn promises to his mother, although knowing full well that he would break them. He did things that covered the family with shame and yet did not appear to care that it hurt Mother. Finally he left town under a cloud and was never heard from again.

Time went on and the boy became a greyheaded, besotted old sinner. The forces of evil had corroded his life until no one would have dreamed that he had had a praying mother. Yes, everything good had been erased from that man's life — EVERYTHING EXCEPT THOSE ANSWERED PRAYERS OF MOTHER.

Mother had long since passed on to the Great Beyond; but, etched so deeply into the scroll of his life that all the evil

powers of hell on earth could not erase them, there still remained her answered petitions. Thus it was that the boy went into the mission hall that night and sat down with a lot of other drunken loafers. Finally he went forward and knelt at the mercy seat and there, with the selfless, loving prayer of faith being poured out for him by the mission workers, he contacted with God — IN AN INSTANT, LIKE A GREAT FLASH OF LIGHTNING, ALL THE MUCK WAS SWEPT OUT OF HIS LIFE AND HE STOOD THERE CLEAN AND STRONG. And it was because mother had prayed.

Mothers all, never had there been a greater miracle than this performed; no, not even when Jesus Christ raised Lazarus. And yet miracles such as this are happening to-day all around you. You yourself can use this Mighty Power. You can build the foundations of your little ones' lives; you can make it inevitable that good health and good

fortune will always attend them. You can give them strong brave spirits, make them lights that shine brightly for all around them. Mother, you have this power and you must use it. It is into your hands, not man's, that God has placed the destinies of the nations.

Before you read further divest your mind of everything which makes one afraid to think. Do this and I solemnly promise that you will find nothing in this book that will lead you away from God. There shall be nothing said here that needs to estrange you from your religion.

YOU ARE A MOTHER!

AND A MOTHER HAS A RIGHT TO PRAY FOR HER CHILDREN.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PERFECT YOURSELF IN PRAYER, SO THAT YOU CAN BUILD UP THE GOOD IN THE LIFE OF YOUR BOY OR YOUR GIRL SO THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS TRIUMPH OVER EVIL.

If you are a Catholic mother you have

MIGHT

a right to pray for your child. God gives you this right: It is the divine right of mothers.

If you are a Jewish mother you have a right to pray for your child. God gives you this right: It is the divine right of mothers.

If you are a Baptist mother or a Methodist mother or a Christian Science mother or a New Thought mother you have a right to pray for your child.

THIS BOOK ABOUT MOTHERS' DIVINE MINISTRY IS WRITTEN WITH THE PURPOSE OF INSPIRING EVERY MOTHER TO TAKE UP HER MINISTRY OF PRAYER FOR HER OWN CHILD.

MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR HER CHILD'S GUIDANCE TO GOOD HABITS.

MY CHILD, I love you. I pour out the full flow of my mother's love upon your perfect and responsive spirit, that perfect and responsive spirit within you which is of God. I love you! I love you! I love you! There is unity between us and unison with God.

Father, thou art love. Thou art the all-God of the universe. Thou art the great power of perfection which manifests itself resistlessly in answer to selfless, loving prayer. I thank Thee that Thou art the loving-guidance-in-selection of my little one. I thank Thee that through Thy indwelling intelligence he will choose always the things that are good for the body, mind and soul.

Father, Thou art in the instinct which leads the sheep down out of the mountains before it storms, Thou art in the voice which prompts the squirrel to choose and garner away the good things of his domain, Thou art in the instinct which guides the bee to the flowers that are stored the heaviest with honey. And I thank Thee, O Father, that there can be nothing between Thy loving guidance-in-selection and my little child.

BODENHAUSER

MADONNA AND CHILD

II

A WOMAN'S PRAYER FOR HER BROTHER

I ONCE fell to talking with a man about the present day outworkings of this Mighty Power. I believed what this man told me because he was leading a clean life and because he had ~~the nickels. Thus he stayed drunk most~~ no reason to wish to deceive me.

The subject came up upon my happening to remark that I had once lived in Palo Alto.

"Palo Alto," he exclaimed eagerly. "That is the railroad station for Stanford University, isn't it?" Then he told me about his conversion.

For five years he had been what he called a "wine bum." It seems that this signifies the lowest depths of sodden debauchery. He could buy a quart of vile wine for five cents and he begged

the nickles. Thus he stayed drunk most of the time.

One day he became possessed with the idea that he must get out of San Francisco, and he set out on foot along the railway toward Los Angeles. He finally reached Palo Alto and went out to the University campus to beg. The University had just closed and some fraternity boys, who were closing up their chapter house, gave him some old clothes and treated him to liquor. Then he wandered drunkenly off across the fields and lay down at night in the old, deserted quarry out on the Page Mill Road. I knew this place well, having often passed it when taking outings with the children. He lay down out there and went to sleep; *and, in the middle of the night, he had a vision of Jesus Christ.* From that time on he never had any more appetite for liquor. And he had become possessed with a desire to lead a clean life. He walked all the way to

Los Angeles, got work, joined a church and became a good citizen.

Trying to account for this outworking of the Mighty Power I asked him: "Had you been attending any religious meetings before you left San Francisco?"

"No," he said. "At that time I had no use whatever for religious people. If any of those mission people spoke to me I cursed them."

"I have been trying to account for your conversion," I said. "Evidently it was something that you yourself had very little to do with."

"Oh," said he, nodding his head understandingly. "I had a sister back in Ireland. When I was converted I wrote her, for the first time since I left home. She wrote me that she had been praying for me for twenty years."

Mothers, here was a man who was transformed simply because he had a sister who loved him so that she prayed

for him for twenty years. And what is the love of a sister for a brother compared to the love of a mother for her child?

Mothers, this is the problem. How can mothers put the doubt and fear out of their lives? How can you learn to pray for your little ones? Bearing these questions in mind let us examine the circumstances of this man's conversion, let us see just how it was that all the powers of hell were brought to naught by the prayers of a selfless, loving woman.

Consider first the powers that were arrayed against a simple unlettered woman who prayed and kept on praying for the brother she loved who had roamed beyond the seas. That brother did not have much love or consideration for his sister, did he? Else he would have written. So she had this careless, indifferent nature of his working against her. Also working against her

was her brother's incessant contact with vile men and vile women. Doubtless there were years in his life in which he was not contacted by one thoroughly wholesome influence.

Also working against this Irish sister was the negative power of mind. This in itself is a force of overwhelming power. Everybody associated with this woman's brother used this negative thought force against him. They all knew that he was "no good." Doubtless there were those who told him this with a curse.

Also there were this man's own thought forces. That great dynamo of thought which is beating so incessantly in all of us was all the time telling this miserable outcast that he was "no good," that society was "no good," that there *was* no Good.

All of these were the things which worked against the sister. And all this sister did to defeat the hydra headed

powers arrayed against her was to pray. She had so much love for her brother and so much faith in God that she prayed for twenty years. And this battered, drifting hulk who was being sucked downward by all the hideous, relentless forces of the San Francisco slum, was suddenly transformed, became a clean man because, away over there in Ireland, there was a sister who prayed and kept on praying for him.

Some one asks: What class did this Irish sister belong to? Was she an educated Irish woman or was she an uneducated Irish woman?

MOTHERS, YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION OR YOUR LACK OF COLLEGE EDUCATION DOES NOT COUNT WITH GOD AT ALL: GOD IS THAT MIGHTY POWER WHICH DOES RESPOND TO THE PRAYER OF TRUSTING, SELFLESS LOVE.

If you have learned something at college which makes it impossible for you to pray the perfect prayer of faith and love God will not hear you; because you

cannot make known to Him your heart's desires. If you have learned something at college which enables you to utter and keep on uttering the trusting, selfless prayer of love, then all the evil powers of hell on earth cannot prevail against your little ones.

IF YOU ARE AN IGNORANT MOTHER, GOD DOES NOT TAKE YOUR IGNORANCE INTO ACCOUNT AT ALL. IF, WHETHER BECAUSE OF YOUR IGNORANCE OR IN SPITE OF IT, YOU CAN UTTER THE PRAYER OF TRUSTING, SELFLESS LOVE, THEN ALL THE EVIL EARTHLY POWERS CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST YOUR LITTLE ONES.

Did I hear a mother ask: "Which church did the faithful mother belong to?"

MOTHER, IF WHAT YOU LEARN AT YOUR CHURCH ENABLES YOU TO PRAY THE TRUSTING, SELFLESS PRAYER OF LOVE, THEN ALL THE EVIL POWERS OF EARTH CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST YOUR LITTLE ONE.

But if the church which you attend teaches you such a wrong conception of God that you are unable to utter the trusting, selfless prayer of love, then God does not hear you; because you are unable to make known your heart's desire. Yet again, if you have a wrong conception of God and still, in spite of this, you are able to utter the trusting, selfless prayer of love then God will surely respond; and all the evil powers of earth cannot prevail against your little one.

GOD DOES RESPOND TO THE SELFLESS PRAYER OF FAITH AND LOVE. GOD GETS HIS MESSAGE NOT FROM THE INTELLECT BUT FROM THE HEART.

MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR PURITY FOR HER LITTLE ONE

FATHER, THOU ART LOVE. THOU ART THE LOVE OF THY UNIVERSE, THE ALL-GOD. THOU ART IN THE PERFECTION OF THE LILY AND THE FRAGRANCE OF THE ROSE. THOU ART IN THE SWEET PURITY OF WOMAN AND IN THE STURDY VIRTUE OF MAN.

I THANK THEE, O FATHER, THAT THY BOUNDLESS LOVE EXPRESSES ITSELF PERFECTLY IN THIS THY LITTLE ONE.

I THANK THEE THAT THE PURITY OF THIS LITTLE ONE'S HEART IS LIKE THE BEAUTY OF THE LILY AND THE FRAGRANCE OF THE ROSE.

I THANK THEE THAT THY PERFECTION, WHICH ABIDES IN THE HEART AND MIND OF THY LITTLE CHILD, IS THE ALL-SUFFI-

CIENT ASSURANCE THAT THE BEAUTIFUL, FRAGRANT BUD WILL BLOSSOM INTO PERFECT PARENTHOOD.

RAPHAEL

MADONNA DI ALBA

III

DIVINE POWER OF MOTHERS

MOTHERS, every one of you is a miracle worker.

Every one of you has taken part in that most marvelous and beautiful of all miracles, the miracle of birth.

Every one of you has carried your child through the months before birth, nurturing the bud of the blossom with your life blood; you have felt with thrilling wonder the first leapings of the little new life; you have passed through the travail hour that finally ends the long months of waiting and have heard the first cry of the little one which is now apart from your body and yet more a part of you than ever before.

Every one of you, in this miracle of love, has been a co-worker with God.

GOD ALSO GAVE YOU THE INSTINCT TO PRAY: THIS IS THE DIVINE RIGHT OF MOTHERS, TO PRAY FOR THEIR YOUNG. IT IS DECREED OF GOD THAT EVERY MOTHER HAS THE RIGHT, THE PRIVILEGE AND THE POWER TO BESTOW ALL THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE, ALL THE GOOD OF THE ALL-GOOD, UPON THE LITTLE LIFE THAT IS NURTURED WITHIN HER, JUST AS SURELY AS IT IS DECREED THAT SHE SHALL SEND ITS SUPPLY OF BLOOD THROUGH THE UMBILICAL CORD.

In the city of Tacoma, Washington, there is a Universalist minister who conducts a healing center. That is, in addition to the duties which are always assumed by ministers, he speaks the word of faith and love for any who come to him for any sort of healing. Also he gives absent treatments to people in far cities. His name is Henry Victor Morgan.

At one time in his life Mr. Morgan

was a minister in an orthodox church and won the respect of San Franciscans by building a church with his own hands. In those days he used to hurl the full powers of his oratory against the belief of Christian Science. Later, when physicians were of the opinion that he would either die or else become insane through complications following a fall, he was healed through prayer. For a number of years then he worked with his hands. And while he worked he read and studied and prayed. If he could own only two books he would choose, I think, the New Testament and Emerson's Essays. He is a philosopher-poet.

Finally Mr. Morgan took up his present ministry of teaching and healing, with the prayer in the name of the Christ his corner-stone of faith. He promulgates no weird doctrines, conducting his mission of healing and teaching with honesty, good cheer, and

good sense. Sometimes he and the doctors work side by side on the same case.

Only a few months ago a woman came in to Mr. Morgan's church who was destined, from the best advice she could obtain from oculists to go blind. As a result of his ministrations and her own faith this woman had her sight restored. This is one of many instances which could be recounted of where disorders which the best physicians thought very grave indeed have been brought to naught by the outworkings of a Mighty Power of God.

MOTHERS, A POWER THAT WILL RAISE A TON WILL ALSO RAISE SIXTEEN OUNCES AND A POWER THAT WILL WORK MIGHTILY TO CURE WILL ALSO WORK MIGHTILY IN PREVENTION.

"Auto-suggestion?" "Telepathic suggestion?" Who said it?

Account for it in any way you please. But don't get so busy naming this

Power that you forget to use it. A fair minded investigation of present day occurrences will convince you that it is a very marvelous power and that it is a mighty power for good. Those who use it most marvelously call it God.

Twenty years ago Sam Leake was a well-known figure on the Pacific Slope. He is better known to-day and in a much better way. In the old days he edited the *San Francisco Call.* He was an old-fashioned, whiskey drinking, fighting editor. Later on John Barleycorn got the upper hand of him and for years Sam Leake was a very pitiful drunkard. He got so that he would be sober enough to talk sense only once or twice a month. In one of these rational intervals a Christian Science friend persuaded him to take Christian Science treatments. For several weeks then Sam Leake received Christian Science treatments and remained as drunk as ever. Then, one morning, he awoke sober. He

had no desire for liquor. He dressed himself, for the first time in years. He has not wanted liquor since. Did I hear some one say hypnotism? It is true, isn't it, that hypnotism is a force which weakens a man's will and deteriorates his mental capacity and his moral fibre? No, it was a Mighty Power, a good power, the mighty Power of Good that transformed Sam Leake. For he is a new, clean man now. He has a different nature altogether and is devoting his life to salvaging drunkards. Mr. Leake, by the way, is not a Christian Scientist, although he cannot speak too highly of the miracle which Christian Science has wrought for him.

This is another present day out working of this Mighty Power which any one who cares to can check up on. Only the other day I met a man in Santa Barbara, California, who knows Mr. Leake well.

Twenty years ago a physician by the

name of Yokum who had been given up to die of tuberculosis became healed in answer to prayer. He had promised God to spend his life serving Him if his life would be spared. Dr. Yokum, now known about Los Angeles as Father Yokum, conducts the Mizpah Mission, at East Highland Park. Mizpah is a place where any one who is sick and penniless may receive healing treatments and food and shelter and encouragement and good cheer free of charge. Dr. Yokum makes no charges and receives no salary, depending on God to furnish his needed supplies. A few months ago I visited his mission. The bright faces of his workers and converts speak eloquently of the workings of this Mighty Power. The Mizpah meeting hall has chandeliers made of canes and crutches which have been laid aside by people healed in answer to loving, selfless prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. These crutches and canes

are festooned with long strings of pipes donated by men who have been able to leave off using tobacco.

The tenets of Dr. Yokum are the same as those taught by the evangelical church. He believes that the Power of the Holy Spirit through which Jesus Christ and His disciples and His apostles healed sickness and banished sin is still an active force in the world. He believes this because he sees it working all around him every day. Dr. Yokum has had a physician's training and believes in hygiene and sanitation and in the natural order of cause and effect. He does not believe that thoughts are germs. He does believe that thoughts are thoughts and that germs are germs and that the power of God, when invoked by selfless, loving prayer, is sufficient to destroy whatever evil there may be in both or either.

Mothers, give me your undivided attention. These are only a few out of a

multitude of easily provable instances of present-day manifestations of this Mighty Power. There are many instances of men and women who have been all but destroyed in body and in mind, who, in a flash, in answer to selfless, loving prayer to God, have become whole; they have become clean and strong and fine in body, mind and spirit.

MOTHERS, IT CERTAINLY IS TRUE THAT A POWER WHICH CAN RAISE A TON WILL ALSO RAISE SIXTEEN OUNCES: for the Mighty Power which will instantly cleanse the corrupted mind or body of a man or a woman will, when invoked by the mother's selfless, loving heart, surely build perfection into the life of the developing child. Yes, the selfless, praying mother can insure for her little one a perfect body, a perfect mind, a perfect spirit; she can build into the child's life-scroll a Guiding, a Protecting and a Supplying Power.

Mothers all, it can be done. It is being done. For you it is simply a matter of learning the prayer of selfless, trusting love.

MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR THE CHILD WHO IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE TEACHER

MY CHILD, I love you. I carried you and gave you birth. I nursed you and I cared for you when you were a little babe; and I love you. I can look clear through all surface appearances and realize that in your inner spirit you are the perfect image of God. And now I hold for you the word of Truth, which is that the perfect love of God does manifest itself perfectly in you in your outer mind and body.

Father, "Thou art love; that love surrounds me, in that love I safely dwell." And I do thank Thee that I can now stand gladly in the light of Thy divine presence. I thank thee that thou art

love, and that Thy love does dissolve all inharmony from the life of my child. I thank Thee, O Father, that there is nothing between Thee and Thy little one.

SICHEL

MADONNA AND CHILD

IV

MOTHER, YOU MUST PRAY EVERY DAY

MOTHER, you must pray every day for your little one. You must pray and keep on praying, that is the law. Jesus Christ tells us that "the Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him." Nevertheless He taught His disciples to pray and to keep on praying. As a matter of fact *God responds to prayer and does not respond to silence.*

Once, in an arid California valley where there were shallow wells and plenty of wind, three women took up homesteads. One of them said: "Let's all put up windmills so we can have gardens and plenty of water for our stock and lots of green feed for our chickens."

"All right, let's," replied one of the others. She was an intellectual woman; so that very same day she sent for a book entitled, "*Windmills of Holland.*"

The third woman, who was also an intellectual, said: "Yes, we must all have windmills."

And the next day she sent for a book entitled "*Causation of Air Currents.*"

Two years later the first intellectual woman was deeply engrossed in the study of windmills. In fact she was threatening to write a book which was to be entitled "*The Development of the Windmill.*" The other intellectual woman had found that eminent authorities disagreed about the causation of air currents, and was much engrossed in trying to unsnarl the tangle. The woman who had first said: "Let's all have a windmill," could neither read nor write. She took an old wagon wheel, nailed some broad paddles to it, mounted it where the wind had a good

sweep, and attached it to a pump for which she had paid a few dollars. She didn't know a thing about the development of the windmill or the causation of air currents; but she did know that wind will turn a windmill, and that a windmill will pump water, and that water will make a California mesa bloom like the rose. She made money selling eggs and garden sauce to her intellectual neighbors. She tried to teach them what she knew about windmills, but it was of no use. When her neighbors' money gave out she bought their ranches so they could go back to the city.

This is the parable of a woman who studied the practical, working application of a power and didn't worry too much about the historical or philosophical aspects.

Here is an outworking of the mighty power of God that was taking place less than fifty years ago.

In Bristol, England, a Presbyterian minister by the name of George Müller undertook to demonstrate that the God of his congregation would really answer prayer. With this purpose in view, and with the desire to succor fatherless and motherless children, among whom there was dire suffering at that time, he started orphan homes. In his life time this man raised five million and a half dollars. And he never asked any one for a cent. People would wake up in the middle of the night to send him funds. At one time, when he had twenty five hundred orphans depending on him for their daily bread and when for weeks the supplies had been seemingly on the point of exhaustion, he delayed issuing his yearly report so that no written word of his might influence the people to give.

Did some one say: "Nothing at all but telepathy!" Call it what you choose. But a careful study of "*Müller's*

Answers to Prayer" will convince you that it was a very marvelous power and that it was a power which set the highest good in operation. Remember that five and a half million dollars poured into Müller's orphans in answer to Müller's prayers. Remember also that this occurred during a period in which a man who had ten thousand dollars was considered well to do, and when John D. Rockefeller, with his first million dollars, was rated as great a wonder as the Niagara Falls. A year ago I met an elderly English clergyman who had known Müller well. He had visited the orphanages which were sustained through Müller's answers to prayer.

Jesus Christ led a life of prayer. And He taught His disciples that they too must lean constantly on God. Every one of our modern masters of prayer has to pray every day. And you, Mother, if you would build good health and good fortune and a strong brave

spirit into the life-scroll of your child, must pray every day.

Believers in the theory of re-incarnation are prone to say: "Why pray for our children? Are not their lives ordered? Is it not true that whatever misfortune they may experience in this incarnation is simply a lesson which they must pass through?" Mother, don't let any theory of religion keep you from using a Power for Good which will work mightily in the life of your child just as surely as you invoke it. For thousands of years the people of India have been content to order their lives by the theory of re-incarnation, and their progress, as measured by the development of the masses, has been immeasurably slow. On the other hand, John Paton went out among the New Hebridean natives, who were about as bestial a set of savages as one can conceive of, and, in one generation, saw the lives of thousands absolutely transformed. If

these natives had been left to evolve in accordance with the laws of re-incarnation, if such laws there are, how many thousands of years would have passed before they became strong, fearless, loving men and women? *John Paton believed that God responds to prayer, and that He does not respond to silence. He knew that the distinctive characteristic of Christianity is its power to marvelously transform human lives.*

Another reason that people do not use the power of prayer is that they say: "God knows; so what's the use?"

If Müller had prayed just the one time saying: "Father, Thou knowest my needs and the needs of these little ones," would the needs of those little ones have been filled? Müller, that great, modern master of prayer, had to pray every day, and many times every day. His assistants prayed with him. And by so doing they set in motion and kept in motion a Mighty Power, a great

and good power which most folks call God.

Mother, a power that will raise a hundred tons will also raise a hundred pounds. Mother, if you are an Intellectual, remember that you would not have agreed with Müller's theology at all. Müller's theology was that body of beliefs which was held by Presbyterians sixty years ago. Nevertheless God heard Müller's prayers. And He will hear your prayers, providing always that you will utter every day Müller's trusting, selfless prayer of love. God doesn't get His message from the intellect but from the heart. Pray thus for your little ones and the Good of the All-Good will be built indestructibly into their lives. The Good of the All-Good will be etched so deeply into the life-scroll of your little one that all the corroding powers of the world cannot erase it. It will remain indelibly imbedded there after you have passed on

to the other side. Yes, even after your child has grown to maturity and has himself passed on to the other side, the cumulative power of your answered prayers will insure the eternal welfare of his soul. But you must pray every day. Jesus Christ said to. Also He did so. And every one of our modern masters of prayer has had to pray every day.

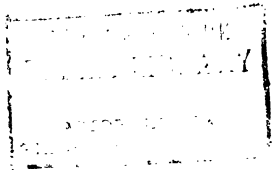
MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR HER CHILD'S DOMINION THROUGH THE POWER OF THE ALL-GOOD

MY CHILD, I love you. I love your perfect spirit which is an expression of the All-Good of God. Because your spirit is perfect, God gives you dominion, the power to breathe upon the spirits of all mankind the goodness of the all-good. Because the spirit of God does dwell in you, you will always realize that the All-Good is good for all.

Father Thou art love. It was Thy holy spirit of love manifesting itself through Jesus Christ which cleansed the lepers, vitalized the sick and purified the sinful woman. When invoked through the prayer of selfless love, Thou art the power to forgive sin, to

dissolve ignorance, to make the blind see and the lame to leap with joy.

Father, I do thank Thee that Thou dost dwell now and forever in this little child. I thank Thee that there is nothing at all between Thee and this Thy little one.



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WHAT TO PRAY FOR

MOTHER, what would you have prayed for if you had been the mother of the Kaiser? What sort of prayers do you suppose were offered for the Kaiser by the woman who gave him birth? Remember that she was a mother who had been surrounded all her days by the life of the court. All the people she had intimately known were worshipers of personal power, firm believers in the divine right of certain royal women and men to tower above all others. It was the life business of these people of the court to magnify the personality of the royalty, to prostrate themselves before princes and princesses and kings and queens. It would seem inevitable, almost, that

the mother of the Kaiser should have become a worshiper of personality, of her own personality and the personality of her son. How natural a consequence, then, that a man should live who would say: "Me und Gott!"

Of course we can never know just what prayers, if any, were offered by the Kaiser's mother. But we can easily imagine her praying for power, for more power, for so much power that all the nations of the world would tremble beneath the iron heel of her exalted son. So might any frail human being come to invoke the power of evil for her little one.

Mother, when you pray for your daughter or your son be careful. Be very sure you know what the good things of life really are. Remember that we of this age are beset by false standards on every side. We are surrounded by people who are worshipers of personal power, whose ambition in

life is to appear richer or smarter or more successful than some one else. They struggle blindly to satiate the cravings of the self-exalted self.

It is the easiest thing in the world to become enmeshed in the competition for "class," and to crane up enviously at persons supposedly above us and to gaze down, with magnanimity or contempt, at persons supposedly below.

Almost any one of us might easily become worshipers of personality and pray for more personal power, thus invoking the powers of evil for our little ones.

What is the Good, then? What is the Good that all can safely pray for?

THE REAL GOOD IS ALWAYS THE GOOD FOR ALL.

That which is good, or rather that which SEEMS good, for one person and is bad for a lot of other persons, is not good at all.

We may say that the Good is working

out through the life of Herbert Hoover because the fruit of his life is good for all. The fruit of the Kaiser's life also speaks for itself. Jesus Christ said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." And the fruit of His life speaks for itself. In praying to build Good Fortune into the Life-Scroll of your daughter or your son, keep in mind the life of a Jewish carpenter who went about doing good for all the people. He took His message of the Good-For-All to the poor people, to the rich people, to the ruling classes and to the serving classes with absolute singleness of purpose.

MOTHER, WHEN YOU PRAY FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE SIMPLY THINK OF HIM LOVINGLY, BESTOW UPON HIM THE FULL MEASURE OF YOUR SELFLESS, MOTHER LOVE. THEN ADDRESS YOUR MIND AND YOUR HEART TO THE GOD OF LOVE.

Do just this and you will see how simple it is to keep selfishness out of prayer. Now simply keep your heart

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and your mind on the Goodness of God and TRUST THE GOODNESS AND THE INTELLIGENCE OF GOD TO BUILD THE REAL GOOD INTO THE LIFE-SCROLL OF YOUR LITTLE ONE.

AN OVERBURDENED MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR HER LITTLE ONES

LITTLE George and Anna and Freddie and Carl, I love you. Every one of you is now as near and dear to me as when you were little and I rocked you to sleep in my loving arms. My mother's love enables me to perceive the perfect spiritual being within you and to realize that this perfect spiritual being is something that nothing can ever corrupt or destroy. And I breathe upon your perfect and responsive spirits all the warm sweet love of heaven, all the Good of the All-Good.

Father, Thou art love! Thou art in all that is beautiful and all that is fragrant and all that is fine and wholesome in life. Where Thou art, nothing un-

seemly can abide. I thank Thee that Thou art perfect love, perfect life, and perfect intelligence and that Thou wilt forever reside in the hearts and bodies and minds of these Thy little ones. Father, I do thank Thee for Thy eternal, loving guidance and loving protection and loving supply for my little flock.

VI

HOW MOTHERS MAY FORM THE PRAYER HABIT

WE will say that you, Mother, have made a careful study of the past and present outworkings of this Mighty Power and that you now have faith enough to pray. Perhaps you are a mother who only occasionally prays, or one who seldom prays, or one who never prays. What then of forming the prayer habit? For this is what now particularly concerns you mothers of to-day who are bearing and rearing the little ones, little ones who will become taller than you are almost before you know it, and, in just a

few more years, go forth to rule the world.

It is wonderful, so wonderful that only the mothers can fully understand, that the brave young spirits who went across the seas to drive the Hun out of France, who blithely faced death in the hospitals, in the trenches, on the seas and in the air, that only yesterday, as it seems to mothers, they were just little tots coming to Mother with their little hurts, climbing for love and comfort to her loving arms. Mother, God has given you mighty opportunities; He has also given you mighty power. This mighty power is yours. And you must use it, for the sake of the children and for the sake of the world.

THE QUIET HOUR

YOU must have a time for prayer and a place for prayer. If you have a quiet room or a quiet corner make a definite appointment

with yourself to go there for your time for prayer. This is to be your hour of greatest opportunity — make it a sacred hour, make it count for its very utmost in the building of the All-Good into the life of your little one.

Mother, it may be that you are well established in the habit of prayer. But remember that there are many mothers who have never even tried to pray, many others who have tried hard and often to pray but who have never yet felt themselves in the Eternal Presence, never realized the "peace which passeth all understanding," never felt the Mighty Power of Love performing its holy work. It is for these mothers that we now lay down a few simple suggestions for the practice of prayer.

First, Mother, be not afraid. "Fear not," Jesus Christ said. Also hurry not and worry not. Make this your rest time, as well as your prayer time.

INSPIRATION FOR PRAYER

BEGIN by reading any portion of the Gospels which you find inspiring. An easy way to make a ready reference of your New Testament is to read the first ten chapters of Luke and the Acts and mark all the places which tell about healing. In this, note particularly how Peter, who had been a common fisherman, healed the lame man "at the gate of the temple called Beautiful."

Read how Stephen was so filled with the Holy Spirit that he stood unafraid before the raging mob of Jews while they stoned him. Their rage or their stones could not hurt the Inner Stephen, which remained illumined to the end.

It was the same wonderful indwelling Spirit which enabled the martyrs of *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* to bathe their hands in the flame.

EVERY ONE OF US HAS THIS PERFECT,

IMPERISHABLE SPIRIT DWELLING WITHIN US. IT IS THE LOVING RECOGNITION OF THIS SPIRIT in your child which will render him outwardly perfect.

Or read some accounts of present day out-workings of this Mighty Power.

Or, if you are tired, or if it suits your mood, merely think on these things.

"GO INTO YOUR CLOSET"

THE best position for prayer is the position that is the most restful. Because just now you want to quite forget yourself. Remember that God does not want you to limit your time of prayer to the few minutes a day which it is possible for you to go aside and pray on your knees.

You must learn to lift your heart to God whether with eyes closed or with eyes open, whether on the street car, or walking along the street, or in your private chamber. Jesus did not mean for us to retire to a real closet when he said:

"Go into your closet and pray in secret and He will reward you openly." This was simply an exhortation to depend on our own private prayers instead of on public prayers, as did the Pharisees. For He Himself did not have any closet to retire to a good deal of the time. Remember that He traveled on foot generally and lived a good deal out of doors.

The Apostle Paul says: "Pray without ceasing." Read how Brother Lawrence, in *The Practice of the Presence of God,* learned to live in the presence of God throughout the confusion and fatigue of cooking in a big monastery kitchen.

FIRST LOVE YOUR LITTLE ONE

NOW that you are ready to pray, first love your little one. Simply think of him with love in your heart. *You are now, Mother, very close to communion with God.* You are nearer to the Presence of God now

than you have ever been before, unless it was at some time when you felt a larger flood of unselfish love. NOW SIMPLY THINK OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

Mother, that is all there is to it. Simply let your mind rest with selfless, mother love upon your child; then let your mind turn in simple, loving thought to God. And say: "Father, I thank Thee that there is nothing between Thee and this little one."

If you have never in your life prayed, you have now prayed and have been in the Presence of God. Go on about your work now; let your heart be at rest; for that prayer is answered. That prayer is chiseled deep into the Life-Scroll of your little one.

In five minutes from now some one may hand you a bill which you cannot possibly pay. Or a dozen other distressing things may happen. Nevertheless, the prayer which you just uttered is not erased. No, it cannot be,

even though you are to be this day well nigh distracted by the crowding in of cares.

For this simple form of prayer I am indebted to Sam Leake. He tells, in his *"The Healing of 'Sam' Leake,"* which describes the outworking of the Mighty Power which healed him of the disease of drunkenness, how a minister of the orthodox, evangelical church took a sick, pain-racked little child up in his arms and, turning in thought with loving trust to God said: *"Father, I thank Thee that there is nothing between Thee and this little child."*

And that child's suffering was instantly relieved.

Mother, a power that can raise a ton can also raise sixteen ounces.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO BUILD GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD FORTUNE AND A STRONG COURAGEOUS SPIRIT INTO THE LIFE OF YOUR LITTLE ONE.

So to-morrow, Mother, notwithstand-

ing any thing or all the things that this day has brought for you, again keep your time of prayer for your little one. Perhaps, if you are an overworked mother, you may have to wait till you are on the street car, or you may have to go to bed a little early or wake up a little early. But some time during the next twenty-four hours again let your mind rest on some past or present outworking of God's Mighty Power, then let your mind rest lovingly on the perfect spirit of your little one (if he is older now and gives you trouble through the days, think of the time when he was a tiny baby and of how you nursed and cuddled and cared for him), then simply let your mind drift on over the Threshold and say: "Father, Thou art Perfect Love and Perfect Life and Perfect Light, and I thank Thee, Father, that there is nothing between Thee and Thy little one." And instantly and forever that prayer is answered.

IF YOU ARE A DOUBTING MOTHER, DON'T BELIEVE THIS — TRY IT!

MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR THE ALL-GOOD IN THE LIFE OF THE LITTLE ONE

DEAR little child of mine, I love you.

My mother's heart desires that the All-Good of the universe shall become yours.

That your life shall be filled with all the riches of heaven on earth.

That your life shall express the All-Good which is the Good for all.

Father, Thou art love: Thou art the All-Good of the universe; Thou art the Good-for-All. Thou art in the selfless love of a mother for her child; Thou art in the selfless love of the child for its mother. Thou art in the selfless love of the wife for her husband or the husband for the wife. Thou art in the selfless love of true friends. Thou art

in the selfless love of man or mankind. Thou art the love with which Jesus Christ loved all the world. Father, I thank Thee that there is nothing between Thee and my little child.

VII

MOTHER'S MINISTRY OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH OF HER CHILD

BLESSED is the mother whose child is not yet born, for she can begin at the beginning of her ministry. Blessed also is the mother whose child is now full grown; for it is never too late to begin the mother's ministry. Blessed also is the mother whose child has passed on, for she can speak the Word for the child's immortal Soul.

But particularly blessed is the mother who can begin at the beginning of her ministry of prayer. For it is so easy for her now to pray for her little one. She can now sense easily the perfection of the little Spirit that is coming into form, she can now gaze clear on out ahead through all the ages and realize

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that this Spirit is something that is eternal and which must always go on and on, ever rising to newer perfections and higher joys. We can only try to fully visualize these newer perfections and higher joys. In this we humans are like caterpillars crawling about over the hot clods. It is hard for us to realize that some day we shall be butterflies and sail blithely from flower to flower.

Mother-To-Be, your time of waiting and your instinct to pray were given you in order that the eternal spirit of your child may make its ascent safely, so that Heaven may begin on earth for your little one. By beginning your ministry of prayer now you will have a precious interval for the building of the All-Good into the life scroll of your daughter or son. Mothers, it is to your hands, not man's, that God entrusts the destinies of the nations.

Mother, when you are praying for your child think always of the perfect,

eternal Spirit of your little one; then turn directly to God. *Do not pray for your child in any other way lest you harm him.* What, can any harm come from prayer? No, no harm at all can come from real prayer; that is, from SPIRITUAL prayer, by which we mean the loving Communion of a soul with the God of Love. No harm can possibly come from this sort of prayer because no harmful thing has emanated from your mind. So only good can flow from prayer on the spiritual plane.

But there is a danger, and a very real one. It comes, not from praying, but from attempting to pray; that is, from working on the mental plane. In this matter we have to consider the power of hypnotism and of telepathy, sometimes called "mind contagion." For it is true that a mother working on this mental plane can violently project her own mentality upon the mentality of her little one. That is, she can stamp

upon the mentality of her little one her fears, her worries, her own imperfections. And, aside from the harm of this, the invasion of a person's mentality by the mentality of another person is in itself a very harmful process. It is harmful because it tears down what might be called the insulation of the mind, that veil by which the ego of the individual is protected from the vagrant thought forces of the world. If you break in upon the mind of the child it is liable to make him so that others can break in on him. It will be apt to make him what we call "easily influenced." It is also very bad for a child's nervous organization.

Mother, when speaking the Word for the little life that is budding within you, first let the warm love of your mother's heart flow upon the eternal spirit of your little one. A mother thinking thus of her child will have her face lit with a smile and her face will be beautiful to

look upon. In this there will be none of the set, sternness of visage of the mental worker who is "concentrating." Mother, with this simple thought of love for your child, you have only to think of God to feel His presence. Now, when you are within the Sanctuary, speak to the Father saying: "Father, Thou art love. Thou art the Love of the Universe, the All-Good of the world. Thou dost now make manifest Thy love in the body and mind and spirit of my little one. Father, I thank Thee that there can be nothing between Thee and Thy little one."

You see, Mother, how simple this is. You have only to use this form of prayer to feel the Power of the All-Good working and to know that your mother's prayer is answered.

I said: "Blessed is the woman whose child is yet unborn." But what about you, Mother, what about you whose child is born — you whose child is sick

even now. You are also blessed. For you may begin your ministry now.

But it will not be so easy for you as it was for your even more blessed sister who began at the beginning of her ministry. Because you now have thoughts of the little pinched face blurring your vision of God; the wailing cries of your little one ring in your ears and the cold fear of death grips your heart.

Don't try to "concentrate"; simply let go. Think of your little one's immortal soul, that perfect eternal Self that can never be marred, which can never be corroded. Think of the eternal Spirit which survives death itself and say: *"I love you! I love you! I love you!"* Whisper the words, or repeat them softly. When you feel the warm, sweet, selfless mother's love flowing freely out upon the perfect spirit of the child, turn your heart to God and say:

"FATHER, THOU ART LOVE. THOU ART THE ALL GOOD OF THE UNIVERSE. THOU

ART THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH ENABLED JESUS CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES TO HEAL THE SICK, TO CLEANSE THE LEPERS, TO MAKE THE BLIND SEE AND THE LAME TO LEAP WITH JOY. I THANK THEE THAT THERE IS NOTHING BETWEEN THEE AND THIS THY LITTLE ONE."

Mother, could you utter this prayer to the God of Love if there was a doctor bending over the bedside of your little one? Of course you could! Can a doctor, or a dozen doctors, stand between a mother and her right to pray for her little one? Is the doctor's belief in material means going to efface the power of God to heal your little one? Every day, if you could only know it, God is manifesting His Love in the bodies of men in a way that makes the attending physicians marvel.

Mother, if your little one is sick, and if you cannot pray for him, or if you cannot feel the assurance that your prayers are answered, get help. Get

some spiritual man or woman who has long had practice in invoking the loving power of God, to help you. And in this be sure that the person you turn to is a man or woman who does really heal; and more than that, one who does heal on the spiritual plane. Choose for your healer a person who has good sense and a warm, loving heart.

Some day any orthodox, Evangelical Church will be an organization to which you can turn for help in prayer in case of sickness. And may that day come soon!

There are now several divine healing organizations which can be reached by letter or by wire. The following are some which speak the Word for all who ask them, making no charge but trusting to free will offerings for their supply.

Society of Silent Unity, Kansas City, Missouri.

Master Mind Healing Circle, Los Angeles, California.

Metaphysical Fellowship, Santa Barbara, California.

There will be a day, when mothers have all taken up their ministry of prayer, when sickness will be forever banished from the land.

MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR THE HEALTH OF HER LITTLE ONE

MY CHILD, I love you. My loving Mother's vision enables me to see right through all external appearances and to recognize the divine essence of your being. Perfect health and strength must always be yours because you are built in the image and likeness of God. No inharmony of the flesh can exist for you because the love of God manifests itself in your outer form.

Father, Thou art love. Thou art the holy spirit which enabled Jesus Christ to heal the sick, to cleanse the Lepers, to make the Blind see and the Lame to leap with joy. Father, I thank Thee that there is nothing between Thee and this Thy little one.

VIII

GOD IS GUIDANCE IN SELECTION

MOTHER, in beginning your ministry of prayer for your little one do not become confused.

A mother I know went to see a healer about her little son.

"Dannie has an appearance of stomach trouble," the mother said. "You see, my sister, who is a dear girl but entirely of the old order of thinking, has been holding the thought of sickness over him for some time. She said only last night: 'Nellie, you can see yourself that Dannie isn't looking well at all. And if you don't see to it that he quits drinking coffee, and that he chews his

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food properly and quits eating pie and cake and stuff between meals he's going to have another one of those bilious attacks.' And sure enough Dannie had an appearance of vomiting in the night and wouldn't eat a thing this morning."

"Quite right," replied the healer. "Pie or cake or coffee or fast eating have no power to cause so-called sickness except the power given them in thought. The only cause for so-called sickness is belief in sickness."

The healer gave Dannie an absent treatment; and, when the mother returned home she found him feeling quite well. She took this as another demonstration of the power of God to heal; which it undoubtedly was, providing, of course, that the healing was done on the spiritual plane. She also took it as a complete vindication of the theory that sickness can be caused only by belief in sickness. She was doubly sure now that Dannie's upset was caused by

her sister's thought that coffee, and pie and cake between meals, and fast eating were harmful.

Mother, don't become confused by the theory of mental causation. Don't limit the Power of God by the belief that the transient, surface thought of a member of the family is going to annul the beneficence of the All Good in its response to your prayer of love and faith for your little one.

How about the man who was healed of the disease of drunkenness out there in the old quarry near Stanford University because his sister away over in Ireland had had faith and love enough to pray for him for twenty years? Suppose she could have known of her brother's surroundings during those twenty years? Suppose she could have known of her brother's surroundings and had said: "Well, of course if all those hoodlums out in San Francisco are going to hold the belief of drunken-

ness over my brother why of course he'll *be* a drunkard." Would her brother ever have been healed of drunkenness and of all his evil desires? Of course not! Thought, and especially the negative thought which one may hold against himself, is a very real power.

BUT THOUGHTS ARE ALL ON THE SURFACE; AND THOUGHT POWER HAS SURFACE POWER ONLY. THE POWER OF GOD, WHICH RESPONDS TO THE PRAYER OF FAITH AND LOVE, FLOWS FROM THE VERY SOURCE OF POWER. IT GETS CLEAR DOWN UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING ELSE AND TURNS IT OVER.

Suppose, again, that the sister in Ireland had said: "Whiskey has no power for evil except the power we give it in thought." And suppose she had prayed that her brother should become able to keep on drinking liquor without suffering the ill effects which follow the drinking of liquor. Would her brother have been able to keep on drinking

liquor to excess without being a drunkard?

Suppose the healer who spoke the word of freedom for Sam Leake had said: "Whiskey has no power except that which is given it by mortal thought." Suppose she had claimed for Sam Leake the ability to drink excessively of liquor without getting drunk. Could Sam Leake have gone on drinking his two quarts of whiskey a day and become an upstanding, sane, right thinking, and sober man?

Now just what was the thought that this healer did hold for Sam Leake? Simply this. Looking with love and faith to God she realized that the Inner Spirit of Sam Leake, that indestructible Self of the man, the Spiritual Body which even death itself cannot destroy, was perfect; that this Inner Sam Leake had *no desire* for liquor because the perfect man desires only the Good. She absolutely refused to recog-

nize that which was transpiring in the outer man, in the surface mind and body, of Sam Leake. And finally, after she had made this prayer for Sam Leake every day for weeks, during which time he kept on drinking just as much liquor as ever and being just as drunk as ever, Sam Leake awoke one morning whole. In the night, while he slept, he had contacted with God. His Inner Self, or Spiritual Self, had manifested its perfection in his outer mind and body.

The law behind healing is simply the Higher Law. It does not give man the power to violate the lesser laws. When the Higher Law is invoked by the prayer of faith and love, it wipes the slate clean. It is capable of healing a man from the effects of poison. But it will not enable man to use arsenic instead of flour.

WHEN INVOKED IN FAITH AND LOVE THE HIGHER LAW, THE LAW OF THE ALL

GOOD, GUIDES A PERSON IN HIS SELECTION OF THE GOOD.

It will lead him to use arsenic where arsenic is good, and to use flour where flour is good. It will lead a man to use alcohol where alcohol is good, and to use tobacco where tobacco is good and to use coffee where coffee is good. That is, a taxidermist puts arsenic to a good use in mounting birds; alcohol is indispensable to the mechanical arts; tobacco is a powerful insecticide. Coffee may be good for something, but it is not good for food. Nor is it good for medicine. At least the garbage man will never let us put coffee grounds in the garbage can *because he values the health of his hogs.* Water is extremely good for a multitude of purposes. But when one breathes it instead of air he drowns.

The All Good also means Good Sense.

God gave us brains and it is very evident that He intended us to use them. Men cannot live under the sea because

that is the place for fish. When man tries to use force to enable him to breathe air instead of water, or to thrive on impure air or improper food, he is making an improper use of thought forces. That is, he is trying to undo that which was well done in the Beginning. It is, at best, a waste of power.

Fresh air, pure water, plenty of exercise, proper food and right thinking all work for the glow of health which is one of God's most precious gifts to man.

THERE IS NO GOOD IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT INTELLIGENT SELECTION. AND GOD, WHEN INVOKED IN THE SPIRIT OF FAITH AND LOVE, BECOMES MAN'S GUIDANCE IN SELECTION.

Mother, you use Intelligence, the power of wise selection, when you feed your hens. You see that they have plenty of pure water, plenty of green feed, grit and shell, in fact a balanced

ration. You build the hen house so that the fowls get fresh air at night. If you are a farmer's wife you keep the coffee grounds out of the feed for the hogs. There is, of course, no good reason why a mother should not also exercise the same power of wise selection when caring for her little ones.

INVOCATION FOR GUIDANCE IN SELECTION

WHEN you ask the All Good to build the power of GUIDANCE IN SELECTION into the Life Scroll of your child, say:

"FATHER, THOU ART LOVE. THOU ART IN THE INSTINCT WHICH LEADS THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD TO THE PUREST WATER AND TO THE MOST NUTRITIOUS GRASSES. THOU ART IN THE INTELLIGENCE WHICH ENABLES MAN TO USE EACH GOOD THING FOR THE GOOD PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS INTENDED. AND THOU DOST MANIFEST THY LOVING POWER IN THE LIFE OF THIS THY LITTLE ONE. THOU WILT ALWAYS BE HIS GUIDANCE IN SELECTION, WHEREBY HE SHALL TAKE UNTO HIMSELF THAT WHICH IS GOOD."

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GOD WILL WARD OFF THE DEADLY PESTILENCE

MOTHER, God will guard your little one from the deadly pestilence. This is not merely a poetic way of speaking; it is a demonstrable fact which can be proven by abundant instances of present day outworkings of the Power of God.

Through the prayer of love and faith you can build the power of *resistance to disease* into the Life Scroll of your little one. This again, Mother, is a matter in which you must not become confused. For confusion may cause you to limit the power of God. It may also cause you to pull down defenses which other people use to ward off contagion from their little ones.

Don't get carried away with the idea

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MADONNA AND CHILD ADORED BY ANGELS

that your local health board is a sort of disease factory which manufactures the contagious diseases which occasionally appear in your city or town. I speak of this because a good many of the believers in Divine healing also believe that contagious diseases are spread among the people largely because the health boards will persist in spreading the belief in disease germs. As a matter of fact the power of God is not annulled by the surface thought of man. A wind blowing up a river will retard the current a little. So will the wind blowing downstream hasten the current a little. But the depths of the stream are not a particle disturbed. The mighty power of God responds to the selfless prayer of faith and love, and the might of His Law is not affected by the surface thoughts of man, only inasmuch as fear of these thoughts deter people from uttering the perfect prayer of faith and love.

My wife and I were visiting a neighbor of ours who was an ardent Truth student. She was teaching her little daughter how to set bread. She explained carefully that the small square yeast cake contained the dormant yeast plant; and that when this yeast cake was dissolved in warm water the little plants would begin to divide, and then each division would divide, and so on until, in a comparatively short time, the little plants would number millions. She cautioned little Grace not to get the water too hot or it would kill the little yeast germs, and not to set the sponge too cold or the yeast germs would not multiply fast enough. In concluding the mother said: "There, if you do everything *just so* you will always have a fine, light sponge in the morning."

The next afternoon the mother came over to see my wife. She was very indignant. Also it was evident that she was not a little alarmed.

"The doctors and the teachers are holding the thought of scarlet fever over Gracie," she began. "Gracie just came in and said: 'Mamma, Mary Barnes, who sits right across the aisle from me, has come down with the scarlet fever. The health officer examined a culture of bacteria from her throat and he pronounced it scarlet fever.' Think of that," the mother went on, "those people are just simply putting disease right into the child's mind!"

You see this mother was worried and confused by the fear of thought causation. This fear of hers about the "disease thought" was, of course, fully as dangerous as the doctor's "belief" in disease germs. The mother's fear thought would not of course cause her child to have the scarlet fever, that is not directly. But it might indirectly by rendering her unable to protect her daughter with the prayer of faith. That is, her fear of disease-causing thought

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might cause her to limit the power of God.

Only the evening before, that mother had given her child a careful lesson in natural cause and effect. She had, through her knowledge of the life habits of the yeast germ, caused to develop millions of bacteria, making thereby, a "nice little sponge." But when the health officer had used *his* knowledge of the life habits of a different kind of germ, which is also a plant life, the mother had said: "It's all stuff and nonsense. Scarlet fever germs have no existence and no power except what is given them by mortal mind." But as a matter of fact she herself could have looked through a microscope and seen both the scarlet fever germ and the yeast germ and recognized the difference between them.

Certain conditions of moisture and warmth and a combination of sugar and starch cause yeast germs to multiply

very rapidly. Certain conditions of moisture and warmth PLUS LOW BODILY RESISTANCE TO DISEASE, cause scarlet fever germs to multiply very rapidly.

MOTHER, YOU MAY BUILD INTO THE LIFE OF YOUR CHILD A RESISTANCE TO DISEASE WHICH WILL LITERALLY ENABLE HIM TO WALK THROUGH THE DEADLY PESTILENCE.

BUT REMEMBER THAT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S CHILDREN MAY NOT BE THUS PROTECTED. THEREFORE LET THE OTHER MOTHERS PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN BY THE WAYS WHICH HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY WORKED OUT BY SCIENTIFIC MEN. OBSERVE THE QUARANTINE YOURSELF. HELP IN NO HALF HEARTED WAY TO ENFORCE THE QUARANTINE. FOR THE QUARANTINE, ON ITS OWN PLANE, DOES CHECK THE SPREAD OF DISEASE. STATISTICS PROVE BEYOND A PERADVENTURE THAT IN CITIES WHERE THE HEALTH BOARD CAREFULLY ENFORCES QUARANTINE FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

THERE IS ALWAYS A GREAT DECREASE IN THE DEATH RATE OF CHILDREN.

Theodore Roosevelt, in an article in the *Geographic Magazine,* tells about something that scientists have recently unearthed, i. e., the life habits of men who lived some ninety-five thousand years ago in the cave regions of France. Man at this stage of development managed to exist because he was hard to catch. He could crawl into a smaller hole than many of the big animals of his day and generation. How is it now? Well, a grizzly bear is one of the strongest of animals for his size and some of them weigh a ton. But let a grizzly get a single whiff of the man smell and he makes a bee line off across country. He will not stop once until he has put several miles of rough country behind him and the smell of that man.

Whence the difference? It is simply that man has developed intelligence. He has attained absolute dominion over the

wild beasts. Similarly, by the use of his intelligence, he has learned to defeat some of the invasions of small plant forms called bacteria. Thus Dr. Rupert Blue stamped out the yellow fever in New Orleans simply by controlling a certain kind of mosquito which is a carrier of this disease germ. Similarly Colonel Gorgas made the building of the Panama Canal possible because he compelled the people of the Canal Zone to protect themselves against the malarial mosquito. Through the enforcement of this and other public health measures, including quarantine, Colonel Gorgas effected a death rate in the Canal Zone which was much lower than that which prevails in many American cities where the health laws were not rigidly administered. If the theory of mental causation had any props to stand on, the investigations of these scientists, and their public health education, would have made the yellow fever at New Or-

leans and the malaria at the Canal Zone rage with redoubled fury.

Some day, and it is coming soon, man is going to have just as complete dominion over all the disease germs as he now has over the grizzly bear and all wild animals. This dominion is being manifested now wherever men recognize the mighty Power of God, which, in response to the selfless prayer of faith and love, will heal disease or build disease resistance into man's physical being.

MOTHER'S INVOCATION
TO BUILD IMMUNITY FROM CONTAGION
INTO THE LIFE SCROLL OF THE LITTLE ONE

FATHER, Thou art love. Thou art love of the Universe. Thou dost express thy love in perfect life, perfect health and strength and vigor. Life, in its perfection and fullness, is a manifestation of Thy perfect love. Thou art in the deathless, indestructible spirit of man. And any life filled with Thy love need not fear the deadly pestilence. Father, I thank Thee that there can be nothing between Thy life-perfecting-presence and this Thy little one.

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MOTHERS' MINISTRY FOR MOTHERS

MOTHER, even though you are a woman of prayer, you know that there are times in your life when you find it hard, or perhaps even impossible, to pray. It is when you are physically and nervously exhausted; when it seems that everything is undone or half done; and the vexatious load of work and care is still crowding in upon you. It is hard, in times like these, for the average human being to realize there is any good power in the world to turn to. At times like this it is far easier for one to become filled with condemnation and bitterness than it is to turn in loving faith to the Source of Good.

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This thing may happen to you, Mother, when you, perhaps, are "struggling along" on twelve or eighteen hundred a year, every dollar of which is brought in by your husband. What would it be like if you were struggling along on several hundred dollars less than you are getting now and had to earn all this money yourself? That, perhaps, is what the woman who cleans for you is doing. After she has done the "heavy work" all day for you, she has a fatherless household of her own to mother. In every large city, in the states which have no protecting laws, there are women who work in the restaurants and cafeterias and hotels who never have a chance to go to church or to a prayer meeting. For them Sunday is "the worst day of all"; except, of course, Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years and Fourth of July. On these days big-kitchen workers labor long over time and at a tremendous physical

and mental strain. And days which follow Sunday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years and Fourth of July are also "good days to work." For these women there is never any let-up at all. Many of these women are mothers with little mouths to feed and, from sheer weariness they are unable to raise their eyes to Heaven.

In every village and town and city in the world there should be established a *Mothers' Ministry of Prayer.* It should be for all mothers; for mothers of all classes and all churches and all races. Its purpose should be to teach each mother to build, through prayer, good health, good fortune and strong, brave, loving spirits into the Life Scrolls of her little ones; to shape the destinies of their children so that the Providence of God will be their loving guidance and loving protection and loving supply, no matter where their steps may lead them.

With each *Mothers' Ministry of*

Prayer there should be an auxiliary *Mothers' Ministry for Mothers.* Make it the business of this organization to find out about the mother workers in your town. Ascertain how it goes with them. If you find their lot such that, through weariness of body and mind, they would be unable to raise their hearts to Heaven, see that something is done for them. Do something yourself and see that some one else does something. Work and pray for better labor and living conditions for working mothers.

Pass to your overburdened sister mothers this gospel of constructive prayer. The heavier the mother's burdens the more eager will she be to receive your message. The weariness of labor may have pressed out all her joy of living. All that is now worth while for her is the hope she holds for her children.

A working mother always lives under

the cloud of passing on and leaving her little flock to be parceled out to institutions. She knows by instinct what the sociologists have established by research, that the poorest kind of a home is better for the child than the best institution. Take this fear from the working mother. Teach her that she may etch the All-Good of the Universe into the Life Scrolls of her little one; teach her to fill the present and the future of her children's lives with Love and Health and Strength and the Loving Guidance and Loving Protection and Loving Supply of God. Tell her how to fill her children's spirit with perfection that will endure through all the ages.

A part of planning any meeting for the *Mothers' Ministry of Prayer* must be to ascertain if there are any mothers in town whose duties are such that they would never be able to attend. Then take some steps to relieve these mothers.

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If necessary go down and take her job for half a day yourself. Some way, some how, see that every mother has a chance to learn to pray for her little ones.

Mother, make a prayer for your sister mothers a part of your daily ministry of prayer. After you have prayed for your own little ones, or perhaps before, offer a prayer of love for all mothers, and especially for the working mothers you know who are oppressed by burdens which are too grievous to bear.

MOTHER'S INVOCATION FOR SISTER MOTHERS

DEAR SISTER MOTHERS, I look right through all outside appearances to your unmarred, perfect inner being.

And I love this perfect spirit of yours just as I would love the perfect spirit of my own little child.

I love the inner self of you because it is beautiful to look upon and because it is faithful, good and true.

I love you because you, like me, have little ones to pray for.

I love you because I want the Good of the All-Good established in your little ones just as it is being established in the lives of mine. Because, dear sister mother, they are all God's little ones.

Father, Thou art the light of the

world. Where Thou art no cloud or darkness or shadow shall be. Thou art the sun of the Human Heart, and Thy light and warmth and life are surely driving all the dark and cold out of people's lives.

Father, I thank Thee that there is nothing between Thee and this Mother of Thy little ones.

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